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Bolshevism Revealed

There are too many people who are trying to convince themselves that the Bolsheviks are at heart good people who are endeavoring to help humanity and are saying that the violence and bloodshed in Russia is merely an unfortunate incident in the progress of a noble cause to be attributed to the natural reaction of an oppressed and ignorant people after centuries of degradation.

Their number finds recruits from otherwise intelligent people who constitutionally like to sympathize with what they are pleased to consider the under dog, and they are swelling the usual company of "long-haired men and short-haired women" who are flirting with parlor socialism.

Within the week women of the highest social connections have taken their places on a Boston platform before a large gathering where the deportation of alien anarchists was condemned, and every mention of the I. W. W. and the Bolsheviks was wildly cheered.

There are some subjects into whose exact details the American press is naturally reluctant to go. Probably for that reason the testimony this week of R. E. Simmons before the Senate committee investigating Bolshevism has not yet become generally known.

Mr. Simmons was formerly a representative of the department of commerce in Russia who left Archangel for this country last November.

These are days when it is necessary to call a spade a spade, and every word of his testimony should be known to every woman as well as every man in this country. Mr. Simmons read to the Senate Committee decrees of various Bolshevik Soviets which we reproduce from the *New York Times*.

A decree issued by the Soviet of the City of Vladimir follows: Vladimir is the capital of the province of the same name, 75 miles from Moscow.

"Any girl having reached her eighteenth year and having married is obliged, subject to the most severe penalty, to register at the Bureau of Free Love of the Commissariat of Surveillance.

"Having registered at the Bureau of Free Love, she has the right to choose from among the men between the ages of 19 and 50 a cohabitant husband.

"Remarks—(1) The choice of the man in the said choice is unnecessary. (2) The man on whom such a choice falls has no right to make any protest whatsoever against the infringement.

"The right to choose from a number of girls who have

reached their eighteenth year is also given to men.

"The opportunity to choose a husband or wife is to be presented once a month.

"The Bureau of Free Love is autonomous.

"Men between the ages of 19 and 50 have the right to choose from among the registered women, even without the consent of the latter, in the interests of the State.

"Children who are the issue of these unions are to become the property of the State."

The decree states further that it has been based on the "excellent example of similar decrees already issued at Luga, Kolpin, etc."

A similar project of provisional rights in connection with the socialization of women in the City of Hvelinsk and vicinity" has been published in the Local Gazette of the Workers' and Soldiers' Deputies, Mr. Simmons said.

At that the Bolsheviks of Vladimir, Luga, Kolpin, Hvelinsk, etc., are conservatives as compared with those of the City of Saratov. Saratov is the tenth largest city in all Russia, with a population of 317,000.

Mr. Simmons read a decree dated March 15, 1918, issued by the Anarchist Soviet, which was charged by Lenine and Trotsky with the government of the City of Saratov. The official translation of the decree reads:

"This decree is proclaimed by the Free Association of Anarchists in the town of Saratov. In compliance with the decision of the Soviet of Peasants and Soldiers and Workmen's Deputies of Kronstadt, the abolition of the private possession of women."

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"Social inequalities and legitimate marriage having been a condition in the past which served as an instrument in the hands of the bourgeoisie, thanks to which all the best species of all the beautiful women have been the property of the bourgeoisie, have prevented the proper continuation of the human race. Such ponderous arguments have induced the present organization to edict the following decree:

"1. From March 1 the right to possess women having reached the ages of 17 to 32 is abolished.

"2. The age of women shall be determined by birth certificate or passports or by the testimony of witnesses, and on failure to produce the documents their age shall be determined by the Black Committee, who shall judge them according to appearance.

"3. This decree does not affect women having five children.

"4. The former owners may retain the right of using their wife without awaiting their turn.

"5. In case of resistance of the husband he shall forfeit the right of the former paragraph.

"6. All women according to this decree are exempted from private ownership and are proclaimed the property of the whole nation.

"7. The distribution and management of the appropriated women in compliance with the decision of the above said organization are transferred to the Anarchist Saratov Club. In three days from the publication of this decree all women given by it to the use of the nation are obliged to present themselves to the given address and give the required information.

"8. Before the Black Committee is formed for the realization of this decree, the citizens themselves shall be charged with such control. Remarks: Each citizen knowing a woman not submitting herself to the address under this decree is obliged to let it be known to the Anarchist's Club, giving the full address, full name, and father's name of the offending woman.

"9. Male citizens have the right to use one woman not oftener than three times a week, for three hours, observing the rules specified below.

"10. Each man wishing to use a piece of public property should be a bearer of certificate from the Factories Committee, professional union, or Workmen's, Soldiers' and Peasants' Council, certifying that he belongs to the working family class.

"11. Every working member is obliged to discount 2% from his earnings to the fund of general public action. Remarks: This committee in charge will put these discounting funds with the specifications of the names and lists into the state banks and other institutions, handing down these funds to the popular generation.

"12. Male citizens not belonging to the working class in order to have the right equally with the proletariat are obliged to pay 100 roubles monthly into the public funds.

"13. The local branch of the state bank is obliged to begin to reserve the payments to the National Generation Funds.

"14. All women proclaimed by this decree to be national property will receive from the funds an allowance of 238 roubles a month.

"15. All women who are pregnant are released of the direct State duties for four months, up to three months before and one month after childbirth.

"16. The children born are given to an institution for training after they are one month old, where they are trained and educated until they are 17 years of age at the cost of the public funds.

"17. In case of a birth of twins the mother is to receive a prize of 200 roubles.

"18. All citizens, men and women, are obliged to watch carefully their health and to make each week an examination of urine and blood. Remarks: The examinations are to be made daily at the laboratories of the Popular Generation Health.

"19. Those who are guilty of spreading venereal diseases will be held responsible and severely punished.

"20. Women having lost their health may apply to the Soviet for a pension.

"21. The Chief of Anarchists will be in charge of perfecting the temporary arrangements and technical measures concerning the realization of this decree.

"22. All those refusing to recognize and support this decree will be proclaimed sabotage, enemies of the people and counter anarchists and will be held to the severest responsibilities.

(Signed) "COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SARATOV, Russia."

It is time for plain talking. Bolshevism and I. W. W.ism are simply new-fangled names for anarchy. The Bolshevism with which some of our "best people" are flirting is organized hatred, plunder, savagery and lust.

When people talk about the "social revolution," and the overthrow of the present "capitalistic society," what is meant is not merely a return to barbarism, they want to return to the lowest form of savagery.

NOTE.

The Socialist, The Bolshevike and I. W. W.

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